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Applicant: HUFFMAN Examiner: UNKNOWN
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Title: ENCASED STONE DENTAL MODEL BASE BODY AND METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed August 29, 2002.

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of the International Search Report. Applicant notes reference U.S. Patent No. 5,788,489 also listed in the search report was previously cited to the Examiner.

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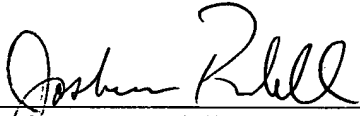
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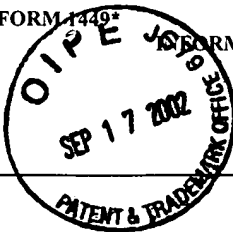
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